{Minutes of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, November 11, 1886 – Ballona Canal and Wharf Franchise and Election Canvass}

Thursday Nov. 11, 1886.

Board met pursuant to adjournment -- Present, full Board & the Clerk.

In re Petition of Los Angeles & Santa Monica Rail-Road Company for Wharf & Ship Canal at Ballona. Petition read. -- Also notice of publication read & filed.

Whereupon, Supervisor Venable moved that prayer of petitioner be granted.

Motion carried by the following vote -- Ayes, Supervisors Macy, Lindley, Foord, Ross & Venable. Noes none.

And the following Resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Supervisors Macy, Lindley, Foord, Ross & Venable. Noes none.

In the matter of the application of the Los Angeles & Santa Monica Rail-Road Company for a Canal, Wharf & Dock Franchise extending from the Pacific Ocean into Lake Ballona, with a frontage on said Pacific Ocean of two hundred feet, to be included in said Canal, & one thousand feet extending from the south side of the said Canal to the south boundary of the Ballona Ranch, the said one thousand feet to be used for wharf purposes, all being within the said County of Los Angeles & State of California.

Whereas, it appears from the records & files of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County aforesaid that the Los Angeles & Santa Monica Rail Road Company, a Corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at Los Angeles City, filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County on the 20th day of September 1886, a petition making application to the said Board of Supervisors for authority to construct and maintain a Ship Canal in the said County to the Pacific Ocean & Ballona Lake, at the point hereinafter described, & to construct and maintain Wharves & Docks along the shore of the Pacific Ocean at the point hereinafter described, & to take tolls for the use of the same for the period of twenty years, & filed therewith map or plat of the same; and

Whereas, it appears from the evidence adduced before us, that due & legal service has been made of the notice of the application as required by law, & that the same has been duly published for the time & in the manner prescribed by law, & that the law has in all respects been fully complied with by the said applicant, & that the application having been set for hearing the 9th day of November 1886 at 10 o'clock A.M., was duly continued to this 11th day of November 1886 at half past one P.M., and it appearing to the Board of Supervisors aforesaid from the proofs offered that the public good as well as the public convenience will be promoted by granting authority to the said applicant the right to erect, construct & maintain a Ship Canal, Wharf & Dock as prayed for in the foregoing Petition, & to take tolls for the use of the same for the term of twenty years.

Now Therefore, it is hereby Resolved, Ordained, Ordered, Adjudged & Decreed by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, at a regular meeting of the same held at the time last aforesaid, that the authority be & is hereby granted to the applicant, the Los Angeles & Santa Monica Rail Road Company, to construct & maintain a Ship Canal at a point in the County of Los Angeles, one thousand feet west of the North West corner of the Rancho Sausal Redondo, which said point is on the shore of the Pacific Ocean; thence northerly to Ballona Lake, so as to connect the Pacific Ocean with the said Ballona Lake; the said Canal to be two hundred feet in width extending north-westerly from the said point aforementioned, & to take tolls for the use of the same for the period of twenty years.

And it is further resolved, ordained, ordered, adjudged & decreed that authority be & is hereby granted to the said Los Angeles & Santa Monica Rail Road Company, to erect, construct & maintain a Wharf along the shore of the Pacific Ocean from a point on the said shore one thousand feet north-westerly from the said North West corner of the Rancho Sausal Redondo, the said point being on the south-easterly line of the Canal above described, & extending thence south-easterly along the shore of the Pacific Ocean one thousand feet to the said North West corner of the Rancho Sausal Redondo, & take tolls for the use thereof for the period of twenty years; & also to construct & maintain any necessary Docks at any point along the said one thousand feet, commencing at the eastern line of said Canal & extending along the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the North

West corner of the Rancho Sausal Redondo, & to take tolls for the use thereof for the period of twenty years.

In re Election Returns -- The Board proceeded with and finished the canvass of the votes polled at the General Election held on November 2nd 1886, with the following result.

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Whereupon Supervisor Lindley moved that the following named persons, having received the highest number of votes cast for the respective offices voted for at said election, are hereby declared elected to fill said offices for the ensuing term, & the Clerk is directed to issue Certificates of Election to the following named persons. And that the proposition for the issue of Bonds received the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the electors voting at said election:

For State Senator, 38th District, A. M. White.
For State Senator, 39th District, L. J. Rose.

Assemblyman, 76th District, J. R. Brierly.
Assemblyman, 77th District, W. H. Shroek.
Assemblyman, 77th District, W. A. Spurgeon.

Sheriff, J. C. Kays.
County Clerk, S. H. Dunsmoor.
County Auditor, S. A. Montaño.
County Recorder, F. W. Gibson.
County Tax Collector, E. Raymond.
District Attorney, Geo. S. Patton.
County Assessor, S. S. Mason.
County Treasurer, John W. Breeded.
Superintendent of Schools, W. W. Seaman.
Public Administrator, Z. Decker.
Coroner, James W. Meredith.
County Surveyor, John Goldsworthy.

Supervisor 1st District, W. T. Martin.
Supervisor 3rd District, S. E. Rowan.

Justices of the Peace

Azusa Township, John R. Shelton, V. R. Colier.
Anaheim, C. W. Fox, W. B. Pierce.
El Monte, J. F. Norrian, J. M. Wilson.
Soledad, J. A. Turner, J. G. Wickham.
Compton, W. H. Steward, J. A. Bullis.

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La Ballona, D. O. Trudell, P. O. Carillo.
Long Beach, E. S. Harvey, W. B. Reives.
Los Angeles, Township Justice, B. E. Fasey.
Los Angeles, City Justice, W. H. Austin.
Los Nietos, J. W. Mentor, J. W. Day.
Santa Ana, A. T. Smith, Geo. E. Freeman.
San Antonio, A. J. Gay, M. W. Getchell.
San Fernando, G. M. Holliday, T. D. Smith.
San Gabriel, C. C. Gardner, R. R. Bishop.
San Jose, B. P. Perry.
San Juan, J. E. Bacon, R. Egan.
Santa Monica, J. F. E. Johnson, F. Meeks.
Westminster, D. Webster, T. C. Hull.

For Constables

Azusa, Marion Miller, J. A. Melone.
Anaheim, F. C. Smythe, E. A. Pullen.
Compton, Wm. A. Gaines, A. McConnel.
El Monte, W. A. Mills, W. F. Borden.
La Ballona, M. H. Barrett, M. W. Simott.
Long Beach, R. D. Kincaid, C. W. Woodard.

Los Angeles, Township Constable, M. G. Aguirre.
Los Angeles, City Constable, Ed Smith.
Los Nietos, W. H. Russell, E. A. Peyrone.
Santa Ana, T. A. West, J. A. England.
San Antonio, A. Belsie, C. N. Barkhe.
San Fernando, G. M. Popp, J. H. Kenn.
San Gabriel, C. O. Henter, J. H. Wright.
San Jose, T. O. Henter, J. H. Wright.
San Juan, E. Webber, J. W. Seville.
Soledad, J. L. Leighton, F. Rivera.
Westminster, J. F. Patterson, J. J. Finley.
Wilmington, Sam Thompson, E. Welch.

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Water Commissioners

Azusa, J. W. Marshall, H. Roberts, O. Strehly.
El Monte, B. Martin, G. A. Peck.
San Gabriel, D. Galbraith, T. A. Chamberlin, A. Beddick.

Water Overseer -- Azusa, E. I. Harris.
Water Overseer -- San Gabriel, Tom Banbury.

Motion carried.

Board adjourned until Nov. 12th at 10 A.M.

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Findings And Franchise Terms: Ballona Canal, Wharf, And Dock

(Extracted duplicate of the foregoing franchise language, for analytical reference only)

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